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John Chisholm, Milwaukee County District Attorney, acting as part of the Election Fraud Task Force along with the Wisconsin Department of Justice, announced today that his office has filed a criminal complaint against Ms. Endalyn Adams charging her with Falsely Procuring Voter Registration, a felony.

Ms. Adams served as a Special Registration Deputy (SRD) from about July 1, 2008 until about August 15, 2008. Although trained and deputized as an SRD by the City of Milwaukee, Adams was paid to register voters by the Community Voters Project, a special interest group operating under the auspices of the Fund for the Public Interest.

Ms. Adams is charged with submitting 45 forms, about twenty-seven or 60% of which contained information alleged to be false. At least nineteen of Endalyn Adams' voter forms listed persons that do not appear to exist. Nineteen addresses on Adams' voter registration forms were determined by police investigators to be nonexistent. Twenty-two of the driver license numbers submitted on these forms were also fraudulent.

The Milwaukee Police Department Special Investigation Unit and the Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation, jointly investigated this matter.

Under the operating procedures of the Election Fraud Task Force, the Milwaukee County District Attorney, John Chisholm, and his office are primarily responsible for the initial review of complaints to determine which should be investigated. In this case, that review was conducted by Assistant District Attorney Bruce J. Landgraf. Mr. Landgraf also signed the criminal complaint filed against Ms. Adams.

The Milwaukee Election Commission has referred thirty-seven SRDs for possible investigation. This is the first prosecution from those referrals. Other investigations are pending.

The Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office also announced today that it will not file charges against five of the SRD referrals from the City Election Commission. In each of

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these cases, there was insufficient evidence to conclude that the Special Registration Deputy was knowingly submitting false information as part of the registration process.

As one example, the SRD submitted about 250 voter registration forms to the City Election Commission this year. Only one of those forms was referred to the District Attorney as possibly suspicious. The Election Fraud Task Force concluded there was inadequate evidence to believe that this SRD intentionally submitted false information to the Election Commission. Wisconsin law does not permit an SRD to verify any information provided by the registering voter. That is, the SRD may not ask to examine any ID document or other proof of residence to confirm the truth of the information which is recorded on the voter registration form.

Earlier this month, the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office and the Wisconsin Department of Justice announced the establishment of the Election Fraud Task Force, a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement group formed to cooperatively receive, evaluate, investigate, and charge where appropriate complaints of election fraud.

The maximum penalty for the felony charge of Falsely Procuring Registration is three and one-half years imprisonment comprised of up to 18 months Initial Confinement and 24 months of extended Supervision.

A criminal complaint is a document accusing a person of a violation of criminal law. A defendant enjoys a presumption of innocence. The prosecution must prove its allegations at trial beyond a reasonable doubt.

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